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Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.76(a), Applicants submit herewith an Application Data Sheet [hereinafter "ADS"].

Applicants note that the ADS attached hereto correctly identifies both Japanese priority documents (Japanese documents 2002-354073 filed December 5, 2002, and 2003-393620 filed November 25, 2003), upon which the claim of priority was based, whereas the executed Declaration filed on April 9, 2004 only listed the first document. Applicants note that certified copies of both priority documents were filed with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on March 18, 2004, and that the unexecuted Declaration filed with the application lists both priority documents.

Accordingly, Applicants request entry of the attached ADS.

If there are any questions with regard to this submission, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,
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